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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing Billy Frank Hendley.

Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley joined the Indiana Army National Guard on April 29, 1956; he served three consecutive enlistments from 1956-1966, including that of Ordnance Parts Specialist, Ordnance Supply Specialist, both with Headquarters & Company A of the 738th Ordnance Battalion, and Light Truck Driver with Headquarters & Company B of the 38th Aviation Battalion;

Whereas, Mr. Hendley was again activated on January 17, 1965, by Special Orders number 42 Paragraph 13, when Governor Roger D. Branigin called out the Indiana Army National Guard under command of Major General John S.

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Anderson (The Adjutant General), for a snow emergency that had crippled Indianapolis and vicinity; during his time of service in the Indiana Army National Guard, Mr. Hendley thrice earned the Sharpshooter (Rifle) Badge and, on June 16, 1966, was honorably discharged with 10 years of service and the rank of Sergeant (SP5 E-5);

Whereas, Mr. Hendley spent nine years working for the Military Department of Indiana (USPFO), from 1956 to 1965, as a trades helper, mechanic (jr.), painter, canvas and leather repairman, and automotive repairman, advancing to Level 11 (NGW 11-3) at the end of his tenure with the USPFO;

Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley married the former Marilyn Jo Snyder on November 20, 1959, and of this union were born five children: surviving along with his former wife are Bryan D. Hendley (Star Trucking Co. as a driver) of Franklin, Indiana; Terri L. Webb (bank loans officer) of Franklin, Indiana; Steven W. Hendley, with his mother in the old former IGA store he converted into two apartments, of Providence, Indiana; Timothy H. Hendley (upholstery shop on his farm following in his father's shoes with horses and other animals) of Trafalgar, Indiana, and Carole M. Ellis (school bus attendant) of Franklin, Indiana;

Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley, with the advice and friendship of Mr. F. (Franklin) Edward Vandivier, later two-term mayor of the city of Franklin, became an entrepreneur. Beginning a rewarding and profitable journey of self employment in 1965, he first owned and managed a Philip 66 service station on U.S. Highway 31 (N. Morton Street) and Bill's Upholstery Shop (S. Main Street) both in Franklin, Indiana. He eventually closed the service station and later moved the upholstery shop to his home. When the business overwhelmed their home, he bought and relocated to an old abandoned former IGA store in the heart of the town of Providence, Indiana. By 1984, outgrowing this site, he leased a very large old two story building in downtown Bargersville, Indiana. He had built a thriving upholstery business into a full-time occupation, and so decided to quit driving a truck for Roadway Express, Inc. (member of Teamsters Local Union number 135), Indianapolis, Indiana, as a "second job" that he had for 18



years (1966-1984). Mr. Hendley was always considerate of his family, and whenever any family, siblings, cousins, etc., were in need of work, Mr. Hendley made every effort to employ them in any way possible in any of his businesses in which he was active at the time;

Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley held the first Hendley Family Reunion at his Banta, Indiana, home in Johnson County on Memorial Day 1972, and the first National Reunion of both branches (Clans) of the Hendley family at his farm near Providence, Indiana, on Memorial Day 1975, an event that established The Hendley Family Association of Tennessee, which was inaugurated into existence on January 1, 1976. That January, Tennessee State Senator Tommy Burks in commemorating this occasion sent an official Tennessee State Flag, which was posted at the family reunion of The Francis Marion Hendley branch (Clan) of The Hendley Family Association that Memorial Day of 1976. Mr. Orvale Hale, alluded to in Senator Tommy Burks' Tennessee Senate Joint Resolution number 128 1989 for his "claw" style playing of the banjo, appeared with his wife at this reunion as well as "Cousin" MISS MINNIE PEARL of the Grand Ole Opry, her letter that she would have come had she gotten enough notice; Minnie Pearl was the Honorary Chairwoman of the Tennessee Monument Commission at the time; and

Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley's funeral service was observed on April 23, 2013, in Franklin, Indiana. The Rev. Max Downs of the Franklin Church of the Nazarene led the funeral sermon "Seeking First His Kingdom & His Righteousness," which exulted Mr. Hendley's life: "It is fitting this afternoon that we allow Billy to preach his own funeral by looking at his obituary and sharing observations for our own lives. His obvious work ethic brings me to challenge: We must be about the Father's business, and a vital part of that obligation is working diligently and faithfully at the vocation to which God had called us forth. Believe that God has a plan for each of our lives and when we find that plan, we are obligated to do our best in that work! Example, if God calls you to be a mechanic, remodeler, trucker, upholsterer ... you can be the best mechanic possible!" and love of country, through his service in the Indiana National Guard: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 recognizes the many accomplishments of Billy Frank Hendley,
3 including his service to the state of Indiana and the United States.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Billy Frank
6 Hendley and his family.

